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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

IN RE: UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
PASSENGER SEXUAL ASSAULT
LITIGATION

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ALL ACTIONS

Case No. 3:23-md-03084-CRB

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT ATKINS
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS'
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO SHORTEN
PLAINTIFFS' TIME TO RESPOND**

Judge: Hon. Charles R. Breyer
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DECLARATION OF ROBERT ATKINS

I, Robert Atkins, declare pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, attorneys of record for Defendants Uber Technologies, Inc., Rasier, LLC, and Rasier-CA, LLC, (collectively, “Uber”). I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Uber’s Administrative Motion to Shorten Plaintiffs’ Time to Respond to Uber’s Motion for a Filing Cutoff. I know the following facts to be true of my own knowledge, except those matters stated to be based on information and belief, and if called to testify, I could competently do so.

2. On February 13, 2025, following recent mediation efforts, the parties met and conferred with regards to the appointment of a Special Settlement Master in this litigation. During this meet and confer, the parties discussed sensible next steps as to an alternative avenue to resolution of this litigation.

3. On February 18, 2025, the parties met and conferred a second time, again discussing the Special Master issue.

4. On February 21, 2025, the parties met and conferred a third time as to the Special Master issue. As part of the February 21 conferral, Uber communicated to Plaintiffs’ leadership that it agreed to Plaintiffs’ proposed Special Settlement Master and sought agreement to set a cutoff date for the filing of claims in the MDL of no later than 30 days. Plaintiffs rejected Uber’s proposal. Thereafter, Uber informed Plaintiffs of its intention to file the underlying Motion for a Filing Cutoff, and requested that Plaintiffs stipulate to a shortened briefing schedule given the exigencies. Plaintiffs also rejected that request, and indicated their intention to oppose both motions.

5. Accordingly, on February 21, 2025, Uber filed its Motion for a Filing Cutoff, accompanied by its Administrative Motion to Shorten Time for Plaintiffs’ Response to the Motion for a Filing Cutoff.

6. A shortening of the time for Plaintiffs to respond to Uber’s Motion for a Filing Cutoff is necessary given the imminent appointment of a Special Master, since the Special Master’s work to resolve these claims cannot begin without a clear process in place. Absent clarity

1 and certainty as to the scope and composition of the cases involved in this litigation, any efforts at
2 a litigation-wide settlement will be futile. Given the time-sensitivity in addressing this important
3 issue, it is appropriate to discuss the issue of a filing cutoff date at the February 28, 2025 Case
4 Management Conference.

5 7. It was not possible to prepare Uber's memoranda to the Court regarding the filing
6 cutoff sooner in light of the recent developments related to the mediation efforts.

7 8. Absent shortening of Plaintiffs' time to respond to the Motion for a Filing Cutoff,
8 substantial harm or prejudice would occur. The parties and the Special Master cannot effectively
9 proceed with mediation with an undefined and undisclosed scope of claims. Neither the parties nor
10 the Court would benefit from settlement discussions conducted in such a manner because it would
11 discourage, rather than facilitate, the ultimate resolution of these cases.

12 9. Granting the requested extension would not require modifying any other deadline
13 reflected in the current scheduling order.

14 10. To the best of my knowledge, the only previous time modifications in this case,
15 whether by stipulation or Court order are:

- 16 a. On December 14, 2023, the Court granted the stipulation to extend the deadline for
17 filing the joint submission required by Pretrial Order No 4. to December 21, 2023;
- 18 b. On December 14, 2023, the Court granted the stipulation to extend the deadline for
19 filing the joint proposed conference agenda to January 15, 2023;
- 20 c. On January 11, 2024, the Court granted the stipulation to extend the deadline for filing
21 joint or competing fact sheets and supporting statements to January 24, 2024;
- 22 d. On January 17, 2024, the Court granted the stipulation to extend time for Uber to file
23 its response to the administrative motion to consider whether another party's material
24 should be sealed to January 23, 2024;
- 25 e. On January 24, 2024, the Court granted the stipulation extending the time in which to
26 submit proposed privilege log orders and proposed fact sheets to January 31, 2024;
- 27 f. On February 5, 2024, the Court granted the stipulation extending time to submit a joint
28 or competing ESI protocol to February 12, 2024;

- 1 g. On February 13, 2024, the Court advanced Uber's time to respond to Plaintiffs' motion
2 to shorten time for Uber's response to the motion to enforce PTO 5 to February 14,
3 2024;
- 4 h. On February 23, 2024, the Court granted the stipulation to extend time to submit joint
5 or competing deposition and expert discovery protocols to February 27, 2024;
- 6 i. On February 27, 2024, the Court granted the stipulation to extend the deadline for
7 Defendants' Rule 26 initial disclosures to March 7, 2024;
- 8 j. On March 1, 2024, the Court granted in part a Stipulation and Order extending the time
9 for proposals regarding Short Form Complaints to March 5, 2024;
- 10 k. On March 22, 2024, the Court granted Defendants Uber Technologies, Inc., Rasier,
11 LLC, and Rasier-CA, LLC's Unopposed Motion to Extend the Deadline for
12 Compliance with the Court's March 15 Order to April 2, 2024;
- 13 l. On July 26, 2024 the Court granted the stipulation to extend the deadline for Non-Party
14 Lyft to object to the Magistrate Judge's order regarding third-party subpoena disputes
15 to August 16, 2024;
- 16 m. On August 22, 2024, the Court granted the Stipulation extending the time for Plaintiff
17 Fact Sheets in connection with the Court of Appeal's JCCP *forum non conveniens*
18 opinion for Plaintiffs represented by Williams Hart & Boundas, LLP to November 1,
19 2024, and for Defendant Fact Sheets to January 17, 2025;
- 20 n. On October 23, 2024, the Court issued an order extending the time for a joint letter
21 regarding first sample of disputed privilege log entries to October 30, 2024;
- 22 o. On November 8, 2024 the Court granted the stipulation to extend certain Fact Sheet
23 deadlines for Plaintiffs represented by Levin Simes LLP;
- 24 p. On November 8, 2024 the Court granted the stipulation to extend certain Fact Sheet
25 deadlines for Plaintiffs represented by Cutter Law P.C.;
- 26 q. On December 12, 2024, the Court granted Uber's Administrative Motion for an
27 extension of time to provide custodial records and privilege logs to December 14, 2024;
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